

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0281

Title: Eliminate position of commissioner of higher education

Primary Sponsor: Sales, S

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	FY 2004 Difference	FY 2005 Difference
Expenditures:		
General Fund	\$0	Unknown
Revenue:		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	Unknown

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The bill calls for a vote of the electorate on an amendment to the Montana Constitution to eliminate the requirement that the Board of Regents (BOR) appoint a Commissioner of Higher Education (CHE). The election would not occur until November of 2004, which is approximately 42% through fiscal year 2005.
2. Salary, benefits and operating expenditures that are specifically associated with the CHE is about \$163,500 per year. These costs are paid 100 percent from the general fund.
3. The fiscal impact is undeterminable for two reasons.
 - a. The BOR would still have the ability to hire needed staff to carry out its duties as assigned in 20-25-301, MCA.
 - b. The result of the general election in November 2004 is not known.